

Remarks

Claims 1-24 are pending. Claims 5, 7, 13, 14 and 17-24 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-4, 6, 8-12, 15 and 16 are rejected.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants requested the Examiner to sign off each reference in the information disclosure statement (IDS), which was filed on July 30, 2003 and resubmitted on March 19, 2007, and return the same to the Applicants. **Since the Final Office Action mailed on April 1, 2008 is silent on Applicants' request, Applicants assume the Examiner has considered all references in this IDS.**

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-4, 6, 8-12, 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st paragraph, as lacking sufficient description.

The Examiner alleges that the specification does not require a polymer and an additional material to be included in a coating. Applicants respectfully point out that under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, with respect to the written description aspect of a patent application, the one question to ask is whether the specification and the claims as originally filed provide sufficient description of the claimed subject matter (see, MPEP §2163, particularly §2163(I)(A)). There is no such requirement that the claimed subject matter be a REQUIRED feature of the invention in the specification. The feature of a polymer and (2) a substance having the melting temperature within the range between about 32 °C and 40 °C is clearly set forth in the originally filed claim 8 and claim 24.

In sum, claims 1-4, 6, 8-12, 15 and 16 have sufficient support in the specification and originally filed claims to a person of ordinary skill in the art under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

The undersigned authorizes the examiner to charge any fees that may be required or credit of any overpayment to be made to Deposit Account No. **07-1850**.

CONCLUSION

Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any suggestions or amendments to the claims to place the claims in condition for allowance, applicant would prefer a telephone call to the undersigned attorney for approval of an Examiner's amendment. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (415) 393-9885.

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